

Notices & Events:

- **June 5**—Spanish Program Coordinators' Meeting on government-wide language access, 11am-12:30pm at OLA.
- **June 5**—Free Cuban Rap/Hip-Hop Workshop featuring *Doble Filo* and *Grupo Obsesion*, as part of the 2nd Annual DC Hip-Hop Theatre Festival at Josephine Butler Parks Center, 2437 15th Street, NW, 4-6pm.
- **June 9**—DC Baseball Block Party, free food, drinks, and entertainment, 8th and D Street, NW, 5pm.
- **June 11**—OLA's Latino CBO Funding Development Roundtable, Reeves Center 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2-4pm.
- **June 16**—OLA-sponsored presentation at the Embassy of Honduras, 30007 Tilden Street, NW, Suite 4M, 10-11am.
- **June 20**—Pro-Urban Youth Summer Program Kick-Off and Press Conference, 10am. (Location TBA)
- **June 25**—EOFULA Latino Senior Center Open House and Press Conference, 1844 Columbia Road, NW, 5-8pm
- **June 26**—DPR Summer Camp Kick-Off at Kenilworth Parkside Recreation Center, 4300 Anacostia Ave., NE, 11am.
- **June 26**—Office of Partnerships and Grants Development Strengthening Partnerships Initiative, a 1-year program for CBO Directors, pre-application workshop at 441 4th St., NW, Old Council Chambers, 10am-12pm

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Latino Cultural Fair to Launch Mayor's Latino Town Hall

OLA is planning for the Mayor's Spanish-language DC Latino Town Hall for September 18, 2003. The Mayor's Town Hall will be the pinnacle event as OLA commemorates Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 to October 15.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams, along with representatives from several District agencies, will be available for a two-hour question and answer session, however the theme for the event is "Our Latino Kids, Our Future."

The Mayor's

Town Hall Cultural Fair will feature performances by traditional dancers and artists and chefs from across the District's Latino community and will begin at 5pm at Cardozo High School. The Mayor's session will take place

immediately following the Cultural Fair, from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Other OLA Hispanic Heritage Month activities include DC Employees Cultural Competency Training and DC Government Latino Day on October 5, 2003.



OLA Community Outreach Specialist, Botoa Navarrete (standing, right) provides information on the Spanish-language services available to Latino residents through various District agencies during the Multicultural Fair, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Similar information will be available at the Mayor's Town Hall in September.

OLA Partnership Profile: La Mega Radio

It is still several hours before most of the Mayor's Administration will report to work, but early on this rainy Friday morning, the OLA Community Outreach Team (COT) is already en route to their first assignment of the day. By 7am, Katherine Ruffner, OLA COT Coordinator, and Botoa Navarrete, OLA COT Specialist, are headed up Georgia Avenue in Northwest Washington, DC for OLA's weekly guest spot on one of the city's most popular Spanish-language radio stations, La Mega.



Over the last two months, the COT has discussed issues as diverse as immigration and teen pregnancy, and promoted events like

the Mayor's Crime and Prevention Forum to the drive-time audience that tunes in each day to hear their favorite DJs, Denis ToBar, Juan Cruz, and Vanessa Parada, on the "El Vacilón en la Mañana" morning program. For the hour they are there, the COT takes calls and answers questions, jokes with DJs, and helps build strong ties between the Latino community, its media, and the District Government.

The COT plans to continue to take on timely, pertinent issues within the Latino community through La Mega. Topics for June include DC Department of Parks and Recreation's summer camp programs and employment services for bilingual constituents. OLA can be heard on LaMega each Friday morning from 8 to 9am on 92.7FM and 94.3FM.

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The Office on Latino
Affairs welcomes

Lisa Greaves, Advocacy
Intern for Summer 2003.
During her two-month term at
OLA, Lisa will work closely
with Interim Director, Christia
Alou, to address language
access for the District's
Spanish-speaking residents.

Employment Opportunities

- The Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs seeks **Bilingual Community Outreach Specialists** to provide advocacy, project direction and assistance to the community, as well as conduct community outreach projects and programs for the Latino constituency in issues related to housing, employment, health and economic development. Qualified applicants must have a four-year degree, and/or professional experience working with people representing a wide range of linguistic, ethnic, and racial groups in community-based organizations, excellent written and oral communications, both in English and Spanish. Interested applicants should contact Bertha Sparrow-Jones at the DC Office of Personnel, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 340 North, Washington, DC, 20001 or (202) 442-9668 or visit the website at www.dc.gov.dcop.
- The Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs has an opening for a **Bilingual Staff Assistant** to provide front line customer service and conduct administrative and clerical tasks. Qualified applicants will have previous administrative experience, excellent written and oral bilingual communication skills. Interested applicants should contact Bertha Sparrow-Jones at the DC Office of Personnel, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 340 North, Washington, DC, 20001 or (202) 442-9668 or visit the website at www.dc.gov.dcop.
- The Mayor's Office on Community Outreach is seeking an **Outreach Coordinator** to work in Wards 4 and 5. Contact Linda Perkins, Director of the Office of Community Outreach, at (202) 442-8150 for further information.
- The DC Department of Corrections (DOC) seeks a **Mental Health Clinician** to provide individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, and conduct mental intake assessments of newly admitted individuals into the DC Central Detention Facility. Qualified applicants will have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to interact with people of varied backgrounds and must hold the appropriate license to practice as a licensed professional counselor. Contact Estelle Hunter at (202) 673-8445 or via email at estelle.hunter@dc.gov for more information.
- Centro Católico Hispano (Spanish Catholic Center) seeks a **Bilingual Medical Director** to deliver comprehensive primary care and supervise the services given by others in order to ensure high quality care. Qualified MD applicants will possess a license to practice in the District of Columbia. Board certification in Internal Medicine or Family Practice, experience in health-care administration, and two years prior professional experience in the Latino community are preferred. Interested parties should contact fr. Donato at (202) 939-2437 or via email at padredonato@capuchin.com.
- Centro Católico Hispano (Spanish Catholic Center) has an opening for a **Director of Grants and Community Development** to manage research, development and acquisition of income sources to meet the annual operating budget. Qualified applicants will have three years experience in foundation, governmental and major donor fundraising, proven interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to write clearly and persuasively, and in-depth understanding of the private charitable foundation community. Experience in faith-based initiatives, experience in the Latino community, and bilingual candidates are preferred. Interested parties should contact fr. Donato at (202) 939-2437 or via email at padredonato@capuchin.com.

OLA to Host Cultural Competency Training for DC Agencies

As part of OLA's month-long effort to emphasize Latino culture and tradition through the commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month, OLA will host Cultural Competency Training sessions for various District agencies' managers, and agency directors, as well as frontline employees.

The training sessions will be conducted in collaboration with the National MultiCultural Institute and will take a "train the trainer" approach, according to Christia Alou, Interim Director of OLA.

Administration and Spanish Program Coordinators from each of the 17 District agencies will participate in the half-day training programs. During the training session, participants will be taught cultural sensitivity improvement techniques for all areas of public service, which they can then use to train other employees in their agency. Sessions will address customer service for Spanish-speakers and approaching Latino culture in a sensitive manner.



Sister to Sister/Hermana a Hermana, an OLA Latino Community Education Grantee for FY2003, honored its volunteers, participants, and staff during their "End of Year Celebration" on May 31.